

## QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS

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### I. Full Application Questions:

#### Q1. I ASK A COUPLE OF QUICK QUESTION:

1. IS NECESSARY TO PRESENT A LETTER OF INTEND TO PARTICIPATE IN THIS PROCESS? I READ THAT THERE IS NOT NECESSARY TO PRESENT A CONCEPT PAPER, BUT NOT SURE ABOUT THE LOI.
2. CAN WE SUBMIT A FULL APPLICATION WITHOUT HAVING PREVIOUSLY SENT ANY OTHER DOCUMENTATION, OR BEEN PREVIOUSLY AUTHORIZED, OR PRESELECTED TO DO IT?
3. IS THE TOPIC C "CREATING REVOLUTIONARY ENERGY AND TECHNOLOGY ENDEAVORS" OPEN TO ANY ENERGY TOPIC, INCLUDING TRANSPORTATION OR VEHICLES TECHNOLOGIES?
4. IS THERE ANY DIFFERENCE REGARDING THE AWARDED FUNDS AND EXECUTION TIME BETWEEN THE STANDARD FOA AND THE SBIR/STIR FOA?
5. I READ THAT SMALL BUSINESSES CAN APPLY TO ANY OF THE FOA FORMS (STANDARD OR SBIR/STIR), PLEASE CONFIRM.

**ANSWER:** 1. No.

2. Yes.

3. See Section II. Appendix B: Creating Revolutionary Energy And Technology Endeavors, 2. Areas of Interest of the FOA.

4. Yes, they are each their own individual FOAs with their own terms.

5. That is correct.

**Q2. I AM PREPARING AN APPLICATION FOR DE-FOA-0002785 TOPIC C: CREATE. I NOTICED THAT THIS TOPIC USES A DIFFERENT SF-424A FORM THAN THE OTHER TOPICS IN THIS FOA, SPECIFICALLY THE FILE TITLED, "TOPIC C: SF-424A (FIXED AMOUNT GRANT." THIS BUDGET WORKBOOK IS MUCH SIMPLER THAN THE BUDGET WORKBOOK FOR THE OTHER TOPICS IN THAT IT DOES NOT SPECIFICALLY BREAK DOWN PERSONNEL COSTS, THEIR RATES, THEIR HOURS WORKED, ETC. IT ALSO DOES NOT SEEM TO HAVE A SPACE FOR THE SUBAWARD BUDGET.**

**SHOULD THE RESEARCH INSTITUTION I WILL BE PARTNERING WITH FILL OUT AND SUBMIT ONE OF THESE FORMS AS WELL? AM I CORRECT IN THAT THERE IS NOT A PLACE TO BREAK DOWN SOME OF THE COSTS IN THE WAY THAT I DESCRIBED IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH? JUST WANT TO MAKE SURE I AM PROVIDING ADEQUATE INFORMATION TO THE AGENCY FOR A FULL APPLICATION.**

**ANSWER:** One form should be filled out per applicant. Yes, you are correct that the workbook for this FOA is simpler than that required for most other topics; a fixed-amount grant requires less cost/price data than a cooperative agreement with cost share requirements would.